How to Dispose of Prescription Medicines & Over-The-Counter (OTC) Products

Are you throwing away unused medications and over-the-counter products down the toilet or the sink? STOP!

Flushing medications down the toilet or sink causes water pollution, impacts drinking water and has adverse effects on septic systems, sewage treatment plants, fish and other aquatic wildlife.

There is a new safe way to dispose of medications and OTC products in Windsor Locks.

The Windsor Locks Police Department is proud to announce that a secure collection drop-box has been installed inside the lobby of the Police Department located at 4 Volunteer Drive. Residents can dispose of their unwanted medication, vitamins, or pet medication in the secured drop-box at any time since the box is accessible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This service is free and anonymous to all residents. No questions asked.

Disposing of expired, unwanted and/or unused medication through the drop-box is a safe and environmentally friendly way of keeping such medication out of our homes, away from our kids and out of the water supply.

Items that cannot be disposed of are used or unused needles, intravenous solutions, glass bottles, liquid medications, aerosol cans, hydrogen peroxide, or inhalers. For further information on the proper disposal of these items, go to http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2708&q=335480&depNav_GID=1763.

Commercial disposal from medical facilities, doctor/dentist offices and veterinarian offices are also prohibited and not part of this program.